Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, The world's population has reached five billion and is growing at the unprecedented rate of 87 million a year; and,

WHEREAS, 92 percent of world population growth occurs in the poorest, least developed countries of the world; and,

WHEREAS, Rapid population growth causes or intensifies a wide range of grave problems in the developing world including environmental degradation, urban deterioration, unemployment, malnutrition, hunger, resource depletion, and economic stagnation; and,

WHEREAS, 50 percent of the 10 million infant deaths and 25 percent of the 500,000 maternal deaths that occur each year in the developing world could be prevented if voluntary child spacing and maternal health programs could be substantially expanded; and,

WHEREAS, Some 500 million people in the developing world want and need family planning but do not have access or means to such services; and,

WHEREAS, The United States has been the leading advocate of the universally recognized basic human right of couples to determine the size and spacing of their families:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of April 20-25, 1987, as

WORLD POPULATION AWARENESS WEEK

in South Dakota, and I call upon all South Dakotans to reflect upon the consequences of overpopulation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Governor's Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixteenth Day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE